

Sporting Heritage Council Minutes
Monday March 30, 2015
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1-4 PM

Attendance: Steve (Wirch), Marylou Keleher, Nick Milroy, Mark LaBarbera, Rob Bohmann, Ralph Fritsch, Mike Rogers, Scott Zimmerman, Ed Culhane, Keith Warnke, Tim Andryk, Kurt Thiede. Paul Smith, Tim Eisele, Josh Litvinoff

1. Introductions, updates, and old business – Kurt Thiede and members 1-2pm

- Introductions = Two new members. Sen. Tiffany and Rep. Ott.
- Minutes from September will be reviewed and approved at the next meeting.
- Review the mission statement: The Council shall study and provide advice and make recommendations to the Governor, the Natural Resources Board and the Legislature about issues relating to hunting, trapping fishing, and other types of outdoor recreation.
 - i. Approved as is.
- Review past priorities – which ideas should the Council focus on?
 - i. 16-17 year olds added to youth hunt. Could be done by rule but would be faster and easier through legislature. Rep. Milroy will bring this up with the sportsmen's caucus.
 - ii. Discussion surrounding the draft to remove group bagging from the youth tag. Long term problem.
 - iii. Add raffle concept to Legislative items – Funding MacKenzie (See below)
 - iv. SHC wants to receive Conservation Congress report on simplification.
 - v. Website may be an option in a upcoming business plan
 - vi. Hunting works for WI has been launched.
 - vii. Emphasis on archery ranges
 - viii. Boys and Girls Clubs – range in Fond du Lac County
 - ix. Find key areas and get back to Kurt
- Old Business: Outdoor Education Raffle Concept/"Reinvest in WI Future Conservationists" Bohmann/LaBarbera
 - i. One of all tags we offer packaged with gear and raffled off. Michigan and Nevada do this already. \$5 per ticket makes it available to everyone. Great potential for donations. The proceeds would be used for recruitment and retention of hunters and

shooting sports enthusiasts. Now is a good time for the council members to weigh in on this issue. Any other ideas should come now. Rob Bohmann and Mark LaBabera will flesh our program with Sporting Caucus. Moved and passed.

2. National Hunter and Shooting Sport Recruitment Action Plan – Keith Warnke
 - Share page 26 and 27 of Wildlife Professional.
 - Make this a standing update item
3. Range grant update and projects around the state– Keith Warnke
 - Get YSSA program to review Wisconsin ranges and trap fields - Josh
4. Hunter Recruitment, Development, Training and Education grant applications – Keith Warnke
 - Want to make more money available in this grant program next go-round. Council supported this idea.
 - Circulate approval criteria and priorities to Council for review.
5. Future agenda items
 - National sportsmen's caucus presentation. – Keith work with Tim Gary
 - 16-17 youth hunt update – Rep Milroy
 - Simplification process – Rob Bohmann
 - Poll of top items – council priorities - Keith
 - Highlight NRA PR DNR funding partnerships -
 - Master planning and shooting ranges – criteria. Range guidance discussion
 - Update on license sales and numbers
 - HRDTE grant reports
 - Learning to Hunt for Food update
 - Access initiative update
6. Next meeting: July, outstate?
7. Member matters – 2 minutes each
 - Letter from Mr Wurz
 - Youth Conservation Congress rollout ready
 - Limit LTH bear to residents only and under 16 only
 - Budget implementation and update. Core business functions maintained. NRB planning
 - Youth expo...send home info for kids to invite families to get all involved
 - Should follow our mission statement. Should Council take budget positions, NRB and state park cuts?
 - Several members strongly opposed to position cuts, NRB changes, Stewardship freeze, and parks cuts.

- Funding for positions selected to be cut...federal?
- Deer hunting license sales and HRR. Dividing counties to address disparate deer densities
- Wolves – Rep Ribble is working on legislation to remove wolves from Endangered species act.
- Tribe night hunting ruling appealed to US supreme court. As it stands tribes can hunt deer at night.
- Department is planning to move forward with the bear management plan process.
- VPA hope to get continuing funding for leasing access to private lands.
- Elk at BRF in pen for 75 day quarantine.

8. Adjourn 3:50pm